

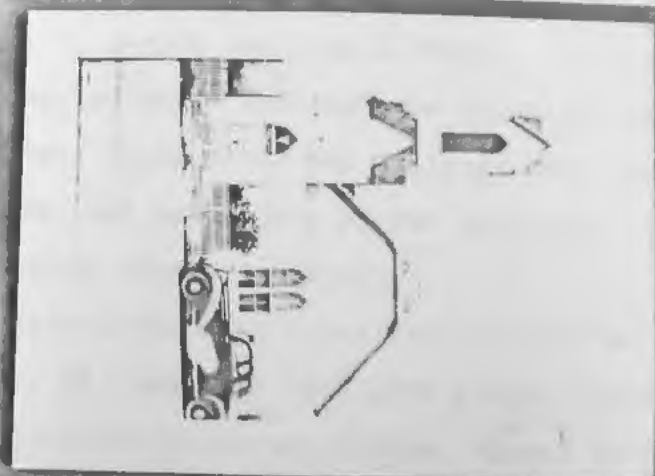
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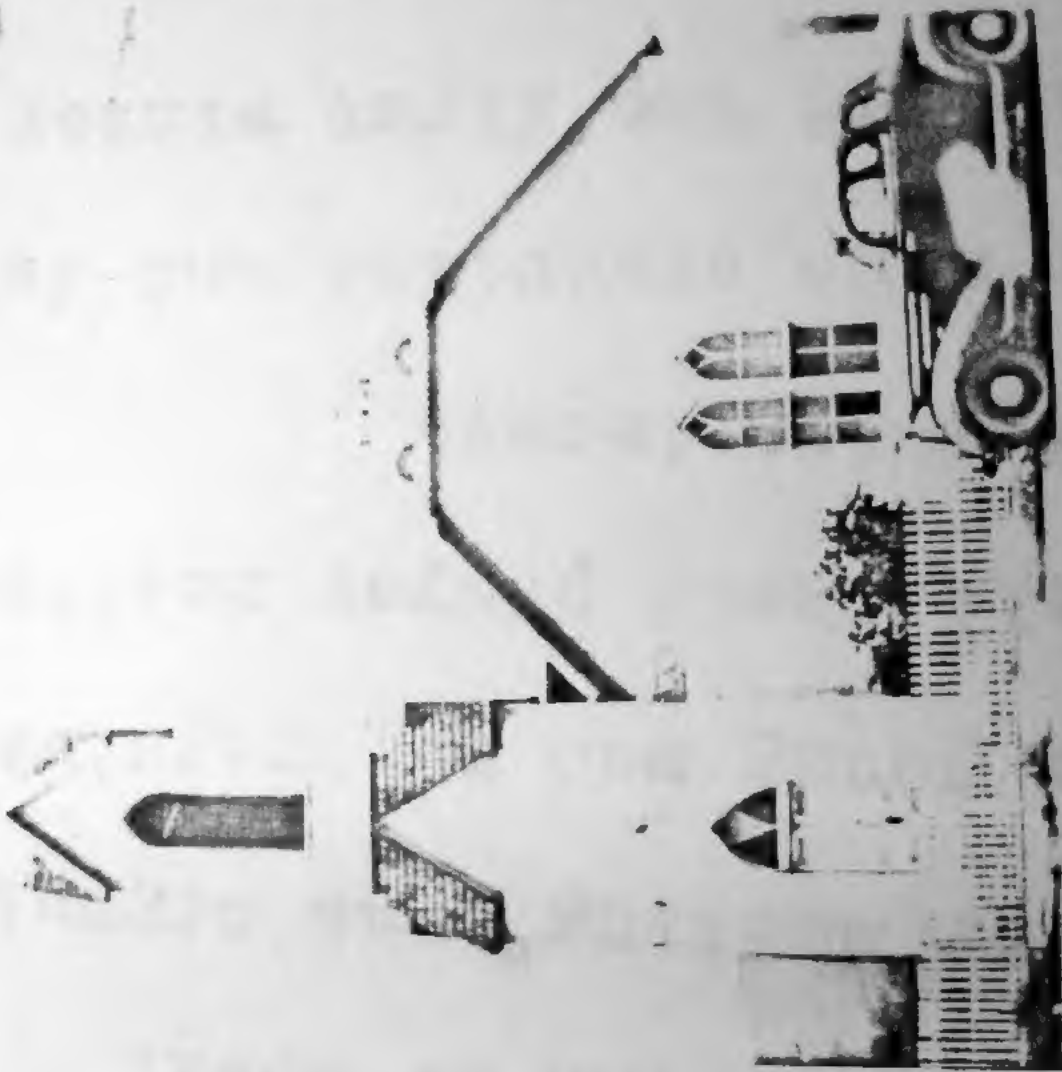
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DUNMORE M.E. CHURCH, SOUTH

Prior to the building of the Methodist church the members of that denomination worshipped in the Baxter Presbyterian church at Dunmore.

In the spring of 1888, Rev. W. H. Ballengee was sent on the Greenbank circuit. That fall he held a revival in Baxter Church. Many were converted and joined the Methodist Class. Among them were William A. Cackley, William Fritchard, Nellie Fritchard, John Maupin, Jacob K. Taylor, Clarissa Taylor, John A. Taylor, J. E. Taylor, Sallie V. Taylor, Emma J. Taylor, B. Frank Taylor, Harry M. Taylor and John A. Noel.

A "Young Men's Prayer Meeting" was organized with John A. Taylor as leader. These young men met irregularly once a week in the school house and held their prayer meetings. Every member prayed and usually gave a testimony.

A Sunday School was also organized and John A. Taylor chosen as Supt. He conducted the first winter Sunday School every held in Dunmore at Baxter Church. Ernest N. Moore was appointed the next Supt. of the Methodist Sunday school. He has held this position for 51 years, though at present he is honorary Supt. only and H. M. Taylor is acting Supt.

There were many people living at or near Dunmore who held their membership in the Greenbank Methodist church. They were C. Rice Moore, Hannah McElwee, Indiana Cackley, Henry Moore, Alice Moore, Robert McLaughlin, Mollie McElwee, Georgia Jackson, Harry M. Moore, Lena Fritchard, Ernest N. Moore, N. J. Rock,

Elizabeth Lakin, Kittie Lakin, and Alcinda Moore. Samuel Kerr, Peter Carpenter, Sallie Carpenter, and Lucy Smith held their membership at Glade Hill.

Rev. Ballengee and his estimable wife encouraged these people to unite and to build a church of their own at Dunmore. A building committee was appointed and work went forward.

The deed for the land was given on June 16, 1891 by "A. H. Moore and Harry M. Moore parties of the first part to Jacob K. Taylor, Harry M. Moore, William H. Cackley, John A. Noel, James F. Patterson and C. Rice Moore, trustees. One half acre upon which is being erected a frame church building for the benefit of the M. E. Church, South worshipping at Dunmore, in the bounds of the Greenbank Circuit, Lewisburg District, Baltimore Conf. as a place of worship and none other."

The Moore family also gave most of the timber for the lumber to build the church. Ernestⁿ Moore burned the lime to do the plastering, and like most undertakings it was left to a few to carry on. However, there were quite a few persons who contributed free labor, and in 1891 with John A. Noel as head carpenter the church was completed at a cost of \$2100. It was dedicated in August of 1891 by Dr. J. W. Young.

Others who joined the church after it was completed were: Ohio M. Noel, Lillie B. Varner, John B. White, Sarah Mason, Ida L. Byrd, Mary A. Workman, Sallie M. Workman, Ruth Cackley, Martha McLaughlin, Nettie M. Taylor, Wm. C. Mann, Minnie McElwee, Floyd Stanaker, Nannie Zinn, Belle Kerr, Mary Kate McLaughlin, Ella Carpenter, Mary Cackley, Mary McLaughlin, Nancy Ray, Cora Moore, Bertha McLaughlin,

Connie Moore, Belle J. Kerr, Lula Taylor, Allie McElwee, Cora Carpenter, Daniel R. Taylor, Nebraska Swecker, B. D. McElwee, Kemp D. Swecker, Thomas Kein, Mary Kein, Benjamin Rock, Leland Moomau, Mary Hoover, Maggie McLaughlin, Tom Smith, Sarah Mason, Maud Mason, ^{Mr. Blund Nottingham} Flora Nottingham, Laura Mason, Florence Austin, Mary Edmeston, Hattie Jackson, Maggie Moore, Sudie Moyer, Mary Hull, Herbert Noel, Wm. M. Smith, Reeta Kelley and Lucy Jackson.

In a will dated January 31, 1916, Clarissa Taylor made this provision, " Two hundred dollars (\$200.) I bequeath to the trustees of Dunmore M. E. Church, South to be invested for the benefit of the church and the interest applied annually on the preachers salary of said church."

The Methodist congregation at Dunmore have done much to express their loyalty; their church building is in ~~great~~ ^{first} class condition having in 1922 undergone many repairs, including a furnace, at a cost of around \$2000.

The ministers who have gone out from this church are Rev. John A. Taylor and Rev. K. D. Swecker.

Ministers who have served the Greenbank circuit since the Dunmore church was built are W. H. Ballengee, G. R. Meese, C. L. Potter, J. M. Evey, J. T. Maxwell, John McNeill, D. M. Brown, H. Q. Burr, T. A. Burch, W. C. Sponaugle, Geo. H. Echols, J. W. Rosenberger, Geo. M. Pope, L. S. Shires, E. D. Marshall, Bowen Moore and the present one Quade R. Arbogast. Rev. Arbogast is just a young preacher having been in the ministry only two years, and this circuit is his first assignment, but he is liked very much by the people not only

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because of his ability as a preacher but because of his ability to get along congenially with the people.

A Woman's Missionary Society was organized in 1905 with Mrs. Harry M. Moore, President; Miss Sallie Taylor was the first treasurer for the first two years, then Mrs. J. Ed. Taylor was appointed and served for twenty five years, Mrs. Bland Nottingham, Secretary. Mrs. Moore has always been President. The charter members of the new organization of Woman's Society of Christian Service as organized under the United Methodist Church met at Dunmore Church on September 11, 1940. Fifteen signed the charter roll. Of the number who signed the charter roll Mrs. Harry M. Moore, Mrs. J. Ed. Taylor and Mrs. Bland Nottingham were charter members of the original society which was organized 35 years ago in the Dunmore church by Mrs. V. W. Wheeler, district secretary.

Officers of the new society are- President, Mrs. Harry M. Moore; vice-president, Mrs. B. Frank Taylor; recording secretary, Mrs. K. M. Hiner; corresponding sec., Mrs. Winfred McElwee; treasurer, Mrs. Bland Nottingham; sec. of missionary education and service, Mrs. J. Ed. Taylor, sec. of christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. C. E. Nottingham; sec. of literature and publications, Mrs. Winfred McElwee; sec. of childrens work, Mrs. O. J. Campbell; sec. of supplies, Mrs. David Grimes; sec. of student work, Mrs. Randolph Taylor.

On Wednesday Sept. 18, the new society held its first meeting. The pastor Rev. Quade K. Arbogast was present and conducted the installation service.